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Venezuela

Fresh Deciduous Fruit

Import Permits and Foreign Exchange Restricted

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Report Highlights:

According to contacts, import permits are not being granted for fresh fruits, primarily apples and pears, from any origin. During October to January, Venezuela is an important seasonal market for US exports of these fruits. Chile is the leading supplier in the remainder of the year.

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Import Licenses Not Granted For Fruits

Venezuela was a good market for fruits in 2008, as a result of new consumers entering the market and overall increased purchasing power derived from oil revenue. However, in 2009 the economic situation is less favorable and the future of this market is less certain, particularly with less foreign exchange available to make purchases on the international market that Venezuela depends upon to meet its needs.

According to trade sources, import permits are not now being granted for fresh fruits from any origin, and the trade has not received any official status update as to future allocations of this key document used to support import requests and to receive foreign exchange. It is not clear when new permits will be granted, generating uncertainty amongst buyers and sellers.